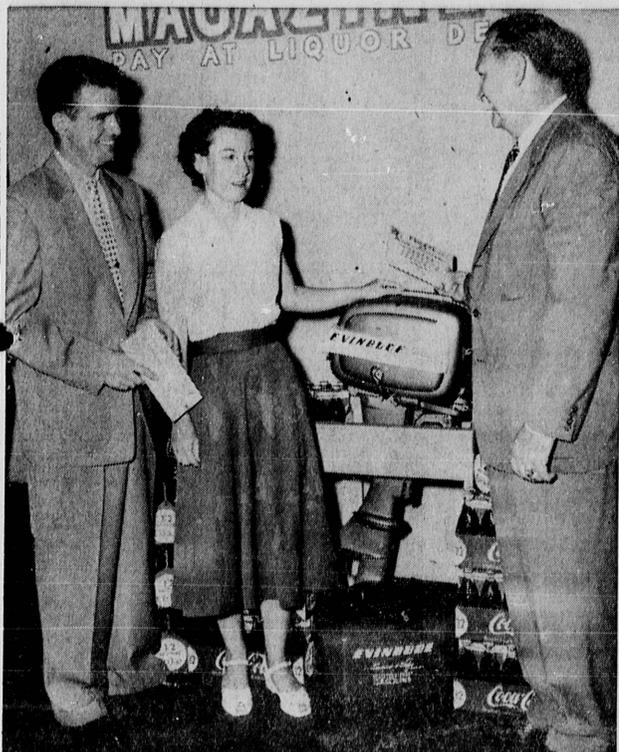




THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN



LADY WINS MOTOR... Mrs. Rose McFarland, of 22606 Doble Ave., is presented with an outboard motor by Albert Ascheris, district manager for the Coca Cola Bottling Co., as the result of winning a contest sponsored by the soft drink firm. "Shorty" Modeland, manager of the Jim Dandy Market, who also won a motor as the result of their customer's win, looks on at left. Mrs. McFarland's daughter last fall won a Jim Dandy coloring contest.

Lawn Requires Care in Summer; Hanging Basket Method of Watering Is Important Is Attractive Planting Device

Summer is the time when a lawn is enjoyed the most—and also the time when it requires the most care. In ordinary circumstances your grass lawn will need mowing weekly along with the proper amount of irrigating and feeding and a constant program of pest and disease control.

Consider first the subject of irrigating the lawn during summer. Much damage can be done if too much or too little moisture is provided. Many gardeners do not realize that few soils are able to absorb water rapidly. For instance, a lawn sprinkler applies water at the rate of one inch an hour—this is too much for the soil to absorb. Two methods can be applied to avoid improper irrigating. Let the sprinklers operate until the water runs off; then turn them off for a while and repeat the process several times. Or use a porous hose or soil soaker which keeps the soil continuously wet but doesn't cause runoff.

A good rule of thumb to apply lawn watering; your lawn is ready for water when it loses its resiliency—when it fails to spring up after you step on it.

If a soil is very compact it will not absorb moisture readily. You can eliminate surface compaction by a slow soaking of the soil, stimulating the growth of grass with fertilizers, mulching with surface soil or suitable compost and moving less regularly. If the soil is very compact you may need to use some sort of tool—an aerator for a very large lawn area, a corer or a hollow-tined fork—or in some cases certain garden sprays will make some soils take moisture better.

In mowing the lawn you should use a mower with adjustable blades. For home lawns a five blade mower is most commonly used, a six or eight-blade one for bentgrasses. A helpful procedure in mowing is to mow the lawn first to remove sticks and litter and also to lift long shoots so that they can be trimmed neatly. Then mow both lengthwise and crosswise for a smoother appearance. In general a home lawn can be cut a little longer than other types—a golf turf, for instance. Clippings from mowing may be left on the lawn during dry weather—they will dehydrate quickly

and add to the organic matter in the soil.

There are three rules to follow when applying food for your lawn: (1) do not apply too much fertilizer at one time; (2) spread it uniformly; (3) apply it when the lawn is dry and water immediately afterwards.

Fertilizers can be applied in dry or liquid form—nitrogenous chemical fertilizers are most commonly used by organic fertilizers such as cottonseed meal, dried blood, alfalfa meal are also very beneficial. They release nutrients slowly and steadily over a long period of time while the chemical fertilizers act faster.

Generally it is best to apply dry fertilizers with a spreader—otherwise your lawn will be green and tufted in spots.

All of these previous steps in lawn care will be to no avail, however, if you don't keep up a consistent disease and pest control program. The most familiar lawn disease in California are damping-off, brown patch, dollar spot, copper spot, Helminthosporium leaf spot and fairy rings. Lawn pests most familiar to gardeners in this state are sod webworms, skipper butterfly larvae, ants and earthworms. You may also be troubled by moles, pocket gophers and birds—but fortunately all these diseases and pests can be very effectively controlled. Your nurseryman will be able to help you identify the trouble when you describe the symptoms and can prescribe for you the most effective controls.

Enjoy your summer lawn by keeping up a good program of watering, feeding, mowing and control of diseases and pests. And rely on your nurseryman for advice and supplies to keep your lawn in an enjoyable condition.

One of the most graceful and eye-appealing planting devices is the hanging basket. Softly falling flowers in many colors—bright and pastel—will add to the attractiveness of any garden scene.

Hanging baskets are especially effective in lath houses, under arbors and other outdoor living areas, says the California Association of Nurserymen. Tussock Bellflower (*Campanula carpatica*) is a miniature *Campanula* featuring star-shaped blooms in white or lavender-blue. Another Bellflower miniature, bears violet blue bells on deep green tufted mats. The *Campanulas* prefer shade as does the Tuberos Begonia except in coastal situations. The Begonia is another fine selection for hanging baskets and is available in many blossom forms and colors.

There are many trailing varieties of Fuchsias especially suitable for basket planting. Gardeners in interior valleys, which are not ideal Fuchsia growing climates, will find several Fuchsia varieties adapted to these areas.

For sunny locations where you plan to hang baskets of flowers try Ivy Geranium (*Pelargonium peltatum*) which grows to two or three feet in length with bright green leaves, five-lobed like ivy. Its flowers are white, pink, rose, red and lavender. Other good selections for sunny areas are Trailing Lantana, Lotus berthelotti and *Ceanothus*. Lotus bears silvery-gray leaves and sweet-pea-like flowers of scarlet fading to orange. A variation of the berthelotti, atrocoeruleus, is dark crimson spotted black. *Ceanothus* or Wild Lilac is available in low growing varieties just right for baskets; the glorious or Point Reyes and horizontalis or Carmel Creeper.

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Spring Flowering Bulbs Often Need to Be Removed

There are many varieties of Spring Flowering bulbs that should be removed from their beds after their blooming is finished for the season. The California Association of Nurserymen says if the bulbs are allowed to form seed there is less energy conserved for next year's blooms.

Nurserymen also say you should allow the foliage of bulb flowers to dry back normally until it is dry and brittle and can be easily twisted from the bulb. Then lift the bulb, expose it to the open-air and sunshine to dry it and store it in a cool dry place.

Some bulb flowers do not need to be lifted from the ground more often than every three or four years. Members of the Narcissus family, including the Daffodils and Jonquills, fall into such a category because they will stand moisture without rotting during their dormancy.

Tulips and the bulbous type Iris are best lifted after each Spring blooming. Tulips left in the ground will bloom again next year but there will be many "misses" due to rot or splitting of the bulbs. After bloom allow the foliage on the Dutch Iris to ripen; cure the bulbs outside in a farm area protected from direct sunlight.

Do not keep Dutch Iris out of the ground for more than two months. The Juno Iris may either be lifted in summer after blooming and stored until replanted in Fall or they may be left in the ground several years.

Smaller bulbs such as Freesias, Muscari, Crocus, Scillas and Sparaxis can be left in the ground if they are planted surrounded with sand to insure good drainage.

Children's favorite movie comedies are shown every Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. Play-acting and folk dancing are held every day at 3:30.

Trips to Clear Creek Camp and the beaches also are scheduled. Players for the Halldale softball team, are needed. Taylor said, to travel to other schools and compete for a school trophy. Boys must be of grammar school age, through grade six.

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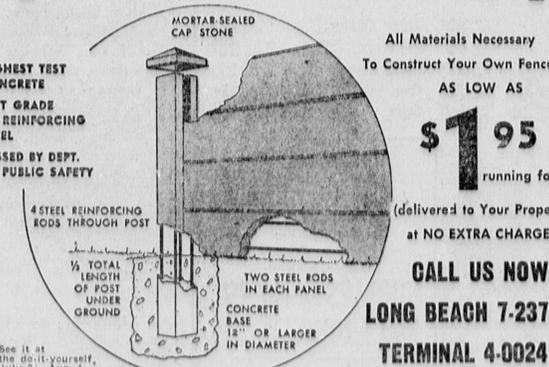
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GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. Mildew on tuberous begonias no longer need be a problem. Your nurseryman can recommend a control.
2. Train your lawn to do with the minimum of water by watering deeply. Deep watering promotes deep roots. Water deeply and less frequently.
3. Irrigate tomatoes so that the water penetrates to a depth of two or three feet. All ornamental shrubs should likewise be watered deeply.
4. Ants spread garden pests. Your nurseryman will tell you how to control them.
5. Plant these items without delay. Tuberous begonia seedlings, fuchsias, pelargoniums, and geraniums.

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